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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("Notice") dated June 16, 2003 in the above-identified application, Applicant encloses a substitute Listing of Claims. Please substitute this Listing of Claims for the Listing of Claims submitted in the prior amendment.

The Notice states that not all claims in the application were listed in the Amendment. In the substitute Listing of Claims enclosed, the listing has been amended to reflect that claims 1, 8, and 17-23 have been withdrawn.

Applicant does not understand the statement in the Notice that the claims in the amendment as originally submitted were not listed in ascending order. In any event, the attached substitute Listing of Claims lists the claims in ascending order.

Applicant believes that the enclosed substitute Listing of Claims brings the previously submitted Amendment into compliance with the claim listing requirements. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Amendment be entered and that a next Office Action be issued in due course.

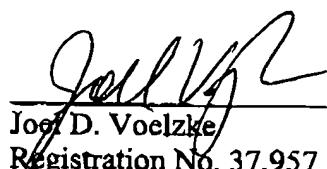
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If the Examiner believes that this paper is less than fully responsive to the Notice, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned to discuss any additional steps necessary for entry of the Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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